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Regarding chloral inebriety, the larger use of less snareful hypnotics—notably trional—has led, most of all, to its decline.

Respecting opium inebriety three causes have conduced to its lessened growth. First, morphine, as an anodyne, has been largely supplanted by codeine, which, while effective as a pain reliever, lacks almost wholly that subtle power which makes morphia so likely to enslave. Second, by the coal tar products, notably phenacetine, the value of which in this regard is beyond dispute; and by the use of electricity. Touching the latter, we wish to lay special stress on the galvanic current as a power against pain and to express a belief that it is not appreciated and made use of by medical men in general to an extent at all equal to what its merit deserves. Third, the use of morphine subcutaneously is much less common these later years. Syringes once ready are now rusty. The import of this change for the better will best be appreciated by realizing the fact that this mode of morphia medication is the most risky as regards inebriety. "Facile but fatal" often may truly be said of it.

In this reform—much needed and most hopeful—the fathers of our fraternity have led. Out of their experience has been evolved an improvement along this line, to the furtherance of which junior members of the profession may well attend. The well being—present and future—of many is in their keeping. May they discharge that trust as will best conserve the interests confided to their care.

J. B. MATTISON.

AN APPEAL TO WOMANHOOD.

THE world unconsciously loves and reverences womanhood. Why should this be so? Is it not because woman is indeed blessed when she can become a mother, and through the beauty of heaven-born laws be brought heart to heart with her Creator as she learns the mystery and the wonder of the gift of life? Oh, mothers! as you hold your little ones to your breast—those little lives which have taught you what life can be in the thrilling, overpowering might of its joy, would you not be shocked if the world called you cruel inflictors of agony, guilty of wanton thoughtlessness, and wicked destroyers of life?

Do not let us be too careful of words. The women of our country have a question to answer. Let them hear facts, and then let us pray that they will give their decision with true nobility of character and in womanliness of soul.

This is the message:

In one year 5,000,000 birds were slaughtered to bedeck women's bonnets, 1,000,000 bobolinks were bereft of life, 70,000 song birds' notes were stilled that their plumage might be used for millinery purposes.

If every woman could realize that a hat trimmed with aligrettes was ornamented at the expense of a little mother life, would she still wish their adornment? Aligrettes are obtained in the breeding season, when the mother bird—anxious to protect her young—will not hover far from the nest, and thus is an easy mark for the sportsman. Then when the proud, happy mother is gone, killed in the moment of her terror, the cries of the hungry baby birds are left for the echoes of the woods to soothe until death, at last, hushes them into stillness.

Women laugh in their thoughtlessness at sentiments akin to these, calling them the foolish exaggerations of one of nature's enthusiasts. They

cannot see the necessity of going without the wings and aigrettes which make their headgear more stylish and becoming. "What are a few among many?" they say. "These ornaments are in the shops. We did not kill the birds."

Pardon me: you are as much a murderer, at least, as the hunter sent at your demands to bring those bird lives for sacrifice to the altar of your love for fashion. You will wear the evidence of a cruelty, and smile and be merry under the burden of your guilt.

Words can go but a short way, can mean so little. I would that they could bring to the understanding of all those who read this magazine that the question which these facts present is no small matter, not the clamoring of a few alarmists, but a menacing evil, a terrible possibility which is threatening our land.

Our vegetation would suffer more than can be estimated from the countless number of destroying insects, were it not for the birds who consume them. Aside from this, what would it be without the little heralds of dawn, who have so much brightness in their hearts that they know the coming of light before it has fairly crept into the blue of the sky?

What would nature do if the sunshine of the world were not put to music in the trees? Think of a Spring without the love calls of the birds! Can we get along without our songsters in the land? Then how can we stop their destruction? Only by women, in one great body and in the love of humanity, standing up for the right; lifting their voices in one mighty chorus of determination against this awful devastation of life and song, this sacrifice of joyous existence to vain desire for ornament.

It is only by individuals resolving not to wear the evidences of bird destruction that an army can be raised to save the glad songsters' lives.

The shops are again this year displaying countless birds' wings and aigrettes for winter wear. Fashion magazines are once more informing their readers that bird ornaments will continue to be exceedingly fashionable.

Can humanity's pleadings be heard above fashion's clamor?

Let us trust that women will answer as becomes their womanhood.

EDITH ROBERTS.